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Remarks

Claims 6-10 are pending. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled. No new matter (35 U.S.C. §132) has been introduced.

Acknowledgement of Allowability of Claims 6-10, and Rewriting of Same in Independent Form

The February 21, 2006 Final Office Action recited an objection to claims 6-10 as depending upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that claims 6-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has already amended the claims in appropriate independent form.

In view of the foregoing claim amendments, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 6-10 as acknowledged in the Final Office Action.

Extension of Time

Applicants hereby request a 1-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), thus extending the time for responding to July 27, 2006 from June 27, 2006 – the mailing date of the Advisory Action. A credit card form authorizing the amount of \$120.00 for payment of the applicable fee is enclosed herewith. Any additional fee or amount properly payable in connection with this Response may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-3284, as needed.

CONCLUSION

The claims are now in proper form and condition for allowance. Favorable action is hereby requested. If any issues remain, incident to the formal allowance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to resolve same, so that the patent on this application can be issued at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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